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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, please amend this application as follows herein.

In the Specification

Please insert the following heading and paragraph after the title of the application on page 1 of the specification:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

A1  
This application is a national phase application based on PCT/GB00/03335, filed August 31, 2000, and which further claims priority from British Application No. 9922039.4 filed September 18, 1999. These applications in their entirety are incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

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3. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in claim 1 wherein the polyester chain containing C<sub>1-6</sub>-alkylene groups is derivable from optionally alkyl substituted  $\epsilon$ -caprolactone and  $\delta$ -valerolactone.
  4. (Amended) A dispersant as claimed in claim 1 wherein the C<sub>8-30</sub>-alkenylene chain is derivable from ricinoleic acid.